

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of 13.9887 ha (Nirmal 9.7887 ha and Echoda 4.20 ha (revised from 8.0972 ha)) of Forest land for Erection of 220kV DC Line from 400/200 KV SS Nirmal to the proposed 220/132KV SS Utnoor in Nirmal District under Thermal Power Transmission Scheme for Evacuation of power from 4 x 270 MW units at Nirmal and the above line route is passing through the forest in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC Circle, TS TRANSCO, Adilabad – Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 26

Dated: 26-06-2021

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), Hyd. Rc.No.9858/2017-FCA-3/PS, Dt.17.07.2019.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.2924/For.I(1)/2019, Dt.15.10.2019.
3. From Dy. IG (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC162/2019-CHN/410, Dt.22.04.2020.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd.Ref.No.9858/2017/FCA3/PS, Dt:10.08.2020.
5. Govt. Letter. No.2924/For.I(1)/2019, Dated:08.09.2020.
6. From the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSC162/2019-CHN/162, Dt.20.11.2020 received on 25.5.2021

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 13.9887 ha (Nirmal 9.7887 ha and Echoda 4.20 ha (revised from 8.0972 ha)) of Forest land for Erection of 220kV DC Line from 400/200 KV SS Nirmal to the proposed 220/132KV SS Utnoor in Nirmal District under Thermal Power Transmission Scheme for Evacuation of power from 4 x 270 MW units at Nirmal and the above line route is passing through the forest in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC Circle, TS TRANSCO, Adilabad.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai have conveyed Central Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 13.9887 ha (Nirmal 9.7887 ha and Echoda 4.20 ha (revised from 8.0972 ha)) of Forest land for Erection of 220kV DC Line from 400/200

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KV SS Nirmal to the proposed 220/132KV SS Utnoor in Nirmal District under Thermal Power Transmission Scheme for Evacuation of power from 4 x 270 MW units at Nirmal and the above line route is passing through the forest in favour of Superintending Engineer, OMC Circle, TS TRANSCO, Adilabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount already realized from the user agency;
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 19.60 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.148 of Kadamba RF of Pothepally Beat, Chedwal Section, Penchikalpet Range of Kagaznagar Division and 8.40 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.08 of Kaddam RF of Kowta (S) Beat, Sonala Section, Boath Range of Echoda Division, from the amount already realized from the User Agency;
- iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA and CA Scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- v. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
- vi. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 35 meters of the forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- vii. The State Forest Department shall carry out and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line from the amount already realized from the User Agency;
- viii. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
- ix. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xi. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii. No additional of new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xiv. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

- xv. The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Future pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local Forest Officer, wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;
 - xvi. During construction of transmission line, pollarding/pruning of trees located outside the 35 meters width of the strips whose branches/parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local Forest Officer;
 - xvii. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
 - xviii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 13.9887 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
 - xix. The approval under FCA, 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations and Court Orders applicable to such project;
 - xx. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Office (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
 - xxi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for Penal action provision under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made thereunder.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Copy to:

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